

REMARKS

Claims 28-46, 162 and 289-369 are pending in the instant application. Claims 28-46 and 162 are not addressed in the April 11, 2008 Restriction Requirements. However, claims 28-46 and 162 are canceled herein without prejudice to pursue these claims in divisional applications.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 289-369 under 35 U.S.C. § 121. More specifically, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, as described below:

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| Group I | Claims 289-300, 308-312, 319-321, 327-330, 338-345, and 368 drawn to evaluating a proposed transaction of electric power between provider(s) and a customer(s) to determine efficiency of energy usage by the provider, classified in class 705, subclass 412. |
| Group II | Claims 301-307, 313-318, 322-326, 331-337, and 369 drawn to evaluating a proposed transaction involving the shifting of electric power supply between two providers to determine efficiency of power usage, classified in class 705, subclass 412. |
| Group III | Claims 346-367 drawn to evaluating a proposed transaction between two customers to determine efficiency of energy usage by the customers, classified in class 705, subclass 412. |

The Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I. Claims 301-307, 313-318, 322-326, 331-337, 346-367, and 369 are hereby canceled without prejudice to pursue these claims in divisional applications.

No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this paper. However, if any fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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